Opportunities to inform policy and decision-making



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- Goal—hospitalization and ED visit data 2000-2013 for four health outcomes:
  - 1. Heart attacks
  - 2. Asthma
  - 3. Carbon monoxide poisoning
  - 4. Heat stress

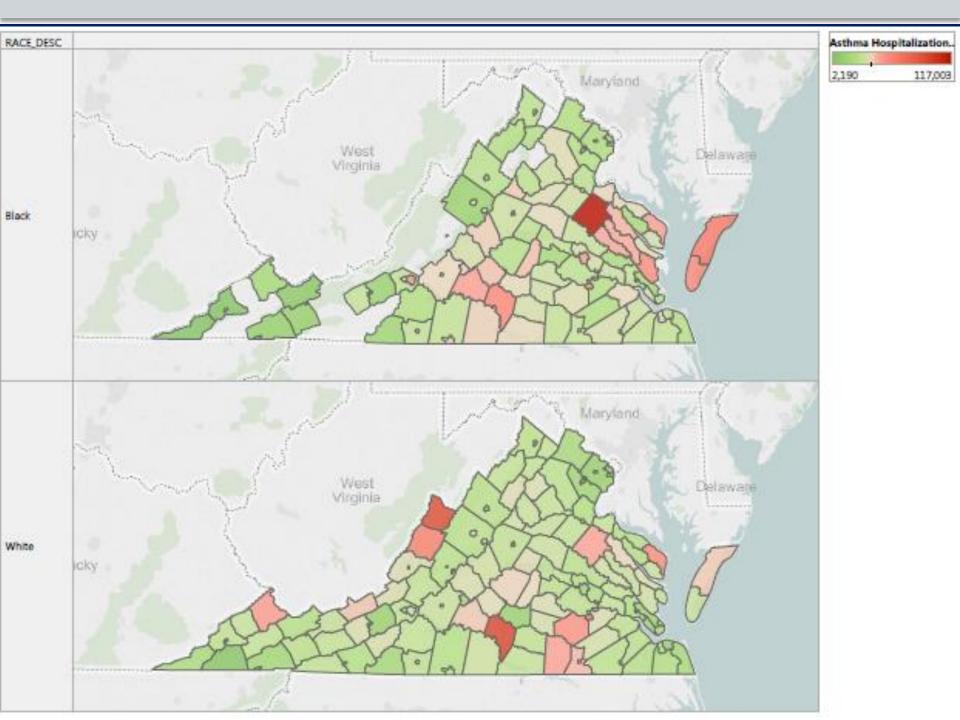
All four have environmental antecedents



Example—asthma

Impacted by source, transport, season, geography, atmospheric conditions



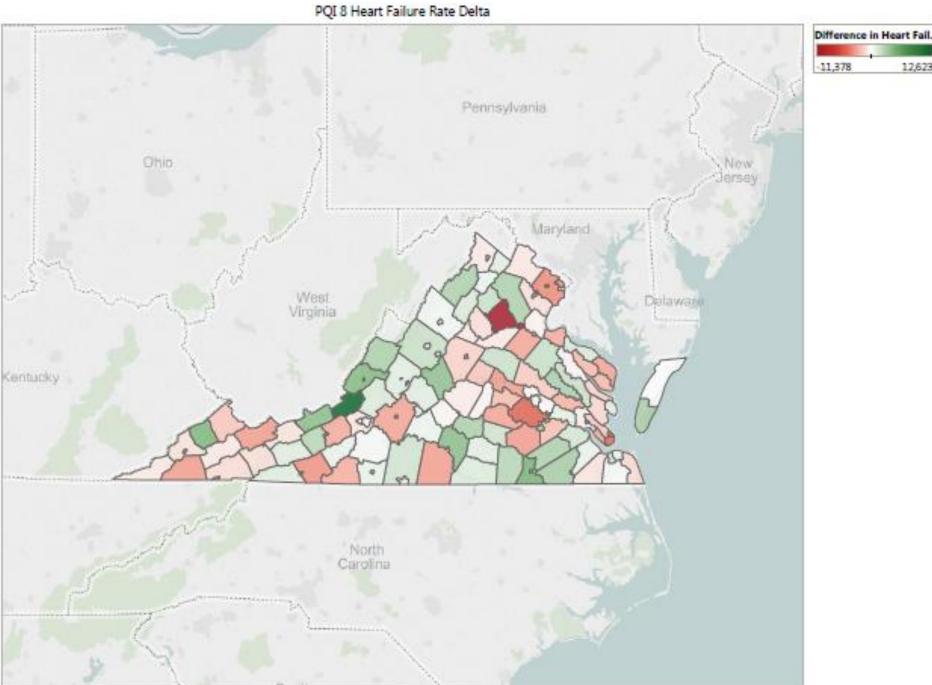


Example –Heart attacks

Every 10 microgram/cubic meter of PM2.5 linked
to 12% increased mortality risk -CDC NCDM V.3.0



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